

VOLUNTEER at Spring Activities in Aurora

Activities and events are a great way for you to become involved in your community. Just a few hours of your time will make a big difference. You'll have fun and meet new people. Visit the Aurora Volunteer Center at www.auroragov.org/volunteer or call 303-739-7759 for information on additional volunteer opportunities with the city of Aurora and nonprofit organizations that serve Aurora.

THANK YOU CARDS FOR SOLDIERS

Make thank you or Memorial Day cards for soldiers currently serving overseas during "Give Back @Your Library" from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2 at the Aurora Central Library, 14949 E. Alameda Parkway. The cards will be donated to the American Military Family (AMF) which will send the cards, along with other care packages, to military members serving abroad. No registration is required. Supplies and light refreshments will be provided.

Contact Sara VanCleve at svanclev@auroragov.org or 303-739-6589.

WEED WARRIORS

Help maintain the beauty of native Colorado habitats at Bluff Lake Nature Center's 123-acre site as they work with the Sand Creek Greenway on restoration projects. Pull weeds, plant seeds and maintain the trails from 9 a.m. to noon on the following Saturdays: April 5, May 3 or June 7 at various locations. Wednesday projects also available.

MIN. AGE: 15. Contact Chris Story at cstory@blufflake.org or 303-945-6717.

SORT MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Project C.U.R.E. is the largest provider of donated medical supplies and equipment to developing countries around the world. Help sort supplies for shipment to hospitals in developing nations from 9 a.m. to noon on any the following Fridays: April 11, April 25, May 9, May 23, June 6 or June 20. Additional dates available; including occasional Saturdays. Warehouse is located in Centennial. Volunteers must pre-register at www.projectcure.org/serve.

MIN. AGE: 15. Contact Patty at denvervolunteers@projectcure.org or 720-490-4019.

RACE FOR OPEN SPACE

The Sand Creek Regional Greenway and Bluff Lake Nature Center need volunteers to help run their 2nd Annual Race for Open Space 5K, 10K and half marathon Sunday, April 13. Volunteer tasks include event setup and breakdown, registering runners/walkers, assisting with parking, serving as course marshals and more. Event located at Bluff Lake Nature Center.

MIN. AGE: 15. Contact Katie Lampe at klampe@sandcreekgreenway.org or 303-468-3262.

PLANT A SCHOOL GARDEN

Lansing Elementary School just received a grant to redo their courtyards with new trees, shrubs and plants. Share your love of gardening with by assisting with planting and landscaping from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, April 18.

MIN. AGE: Supervised children over 8. Contact Molly McMorrow at mmcmorrow@aps.k12.co.us or 303-364-8997.

DAY OF LIVING HISTORY

Day of Living History is a fun day-long field trip for fifth graders at the Aurora History Museum, Central Library and DeLaney Farm. It will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 23 and May 7. In order to make this event exciting and well organized, we will need many volunteers to help with logistics, check-in, lunch and clean-up.

MIN. AGE: 16. Contact Jim Bertolini at abertoli@auroragov.org or 303-739-6661.

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9HEALTH FAIR

9Health Fair has helped save thousands of lives by providing free and low-cost health awareness and educational screenings through the support of 1,500 Aurora volunteers. Medical and non-medical volunteers are needed at seven locations in Aurora from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 26 through Saturday, May 10.

MIN. AGE: 16

Register to volunteer at www.9healthfair.org or call 303-698-4455.

SPRING YARD CLEANUP DAYS FOR SENIORS

Help seniors enjoy their outdoor environment this summer. The Senior Hub sponsors its annual spring cleanup event for Aurora seniors from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following Saturdays: April 26, May 3 or May 10. Additional dates available. Volunteer teams of five to six people rake yards, plant flowers, sweep porches, wash windows and other spring home chores. Must have own transportation.

MIN. AGE: 16; 12 with an adult Contact Linda Rinelli at Irinelli@seniorhub.org or 720-859-2248.

FOOD BANK

The Food Bank of the Rockies reclamation area processes food drive and grocery rescue items. Volunteers are needed from 9 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 30 to inspect, clean, sort and box these items before they are distributed to clients through member agencies which includes food pantries and soup kitchens. Located near I-70 and Hayana St.

MIN. AGE: 12

Contact Laura Egan at legan@foodbankrockies.org or 303-375-5811.

KAISER PERMANENTE COLFAX MARATHON

Over 2,000 people are needed to help before, during and after the race from Thursday, May 15 through Sunday, May 18. Help in a wide variety of areas including goodie bag stuffers, registration, event set-up and tear-down, greeters, refreshment distribution, route marshals and more.

MIN. AGE: 16

Register at www.coloradocolfaxmarathon.org/Volunteers.

KIDSPREE

Hosted annually by the city of Aurora, KidSpree is a zany and fun outdoor festival that draws thousands of kids and parents. We need volunteers to join the fun on Saturday, June 7 and assist with pony rides, arts and crafts, games, pedal boats, face painting and much more. Two shifts are available: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. or 1:30 – 6 p.m. Located on the Aurora Municipal Center Great Lawn, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway.

MIN. AGE: 16

Contact Susan Everett at severett@auroragov.org or 303-739-7759.

AURORA ARTS FESTIVAL

Celebrate the arts at an annual festival in Original Aurora from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, June 28 (several shifts available). Hosted by the Aurora Cultural Arts District, volunteers are needed for event set up, arts and crafts activities and more. This year's theme is Upcycle with several artists showing work made out of recycled materials. Located at Fletcher Plaza, 9898 E. Colfax Ave.

MIN. AGE: 13

Contact Tracy Weil, tracy@auroraculture.org or 303-344-2223.

SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

Help Colfax Community Network feed children enrolled in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program and engage them in healthy lifestyle choices. Volunteers serve prepared lunches and interact with the children in reading, athletics and crafts from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during May and June at several locations in Original Aurora.

MIN. AGE: 16

Contact Mary Pritchard at

mary@colfaxcommunitynetwork.org or 303-360-9175.

PAINT-A-THON

Brothers Redevelopment's Paint-A-Thon is a free service for elderly homeowners and people with disabilities who need their homes painted but can't afford a commercial paint job. Volunteer teams are essential to successfully paint the homes of these deserving members of our community. You can help by recruiting a team of eight to 20 volunteers (from your office, church, civic group, family, neighborhood, etc.) to paint a home in Aurora.

MIN. AGE: 14

Contact Chad Nibbelink at

chad@brothersredevelopment.org or 720-339-5864.

SPRING FOOD DRIVE

Gateway Battered Women's Services is looking for individuals or groups to organize drives to benefit women and children who are escaping violence in their homes. Donations needed include non-perishable food items and grocery store gift certificates to buy perishable food.

MIN. AGE: none

Contact Jeneen Klippel at jkworden@gatewayshelter.com or 303-343-1856.

